

Pickett's Charge

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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

I've been reading the same OPOD(s), WARNORD(s), FRAGO(s), and additional tasks that you have. I know you're extremely busy, everything is constantly requiring change, and there isn't enough time to do it all. We realize that you are up against a cram-packed AT. As you go through all of this, keep us in the loop. We have a lot of the same requirements but, at the same time, we want to have everything ready for you to come here to train. If training needs have changed get those requests in. It is still our mission to make you successful and help you accomplish all your goals. We look forward to seeing you here at Fort Pickett.

COL Sparks

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CSM:

NCO Leadership

FM 6-22 (2006) Assuming the leadership position is one of the most important situations you'll face as an NCO. Be, Know, and Do is relevant to your success of assuming a leadership position. As NCO(s) you are expected to take charge of your soldiers and supervise them during all phases of training, recreational, and/or down time at Fort Pickett.

NCO Responsibility

No one is more professional than I. (BE, KNOW, DO). NCO(s) are responsible for getting soldiers, subordinate leaders, and units to the proper location safely. They ensure that the soldiers are at the right location, in the right uniform, with the right equipment, at the right time. Detailed inspections and checks are performed prior to execution.

Military Courtesies

Saluting Outside: Saluting as soon as you recognize an officer (within 6 steps). When talking to an officer, stand at attention unless given "At

Ease." When a 1SG enters a room or building, unless a senior NCO is present, the first soldier to see the 1SG will give the order "at ease" and all soldiers will come to the position of parade rest (even when an officer is present). When the CSM enters a room or building, the first soldier to see the CSM will give the order "at ease and all soldiers will come to the position of parade rest.

Safety

Spot checks indicate several units training at Fort Pickett have not followed the risk management process. I encourage all leadership to promote safety. Risk Management is the military process to assist leaders in identifying and controlling hazards and making informed decisions.

CSM Green

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DOL:

Always refer to the Fort Pickett website and use the most current site request form.

Ammunition From now until completion, the ASP will have several construction projects ongoing for a new residue building and new magazines. It is critical during this time that units bring enough personnel to the ASP to guard any uploaded ammunition. We will have personnel watching the construction sites, but the most vulnerable situation is ammunition in an uploaded configuration moving through the area. We must keep eyes on at all times. Units should obtain a copy of Ft. Pickett's external SOP for

ammunition by contacting the ASP.

The next scheduled dates for the Ammunition Handlers/Drivers Course are 9-10 February and 17-18 May 2008. Register for the Ammunition Course by calling SFC Arnold at (434) 292-2468 or Mr. Sam Sanders at (434) 292-8532.

Troop Support Branch The TSB will be reorganizing during the coming weeks. We are standing up a Customer Service Section in building 309 that will be responsible for billing, scheduling of facilities, chemical toilets, GSA support and communication requirements.

Facilities will still be issued and returned at building 311 along with linen support. All organizations must schedule an appointment for issue and turn-in of facilities. DOL is in the process of cleaning dining facilities and returning them to a common standard of cleanliness. This is the established standard at which facilities will be issued to units and the required standard for units returning facilities to DOL after use. Reminder, units are responsible for providing cleaning supplies required for maintaining our facilities at the established level of cleanliness. The Central Vehicle Wash Rack has been winterized and will not be available until spring. For every commodity you get from DOL such as linen, barracks or Dining Facilities you will need a signature card and assumption of command orders. A qualified Food Service Soldier is required to draw and turn-in Dining Facilities. Linen draw is a morale booster and units are encouraged to use it for their soldiers comfort. Clearance procedures are clearly specified in *ARNG-MTC SOP 700, Procedures for Checking In and Out*. For a copy of the SOP contact SSG Easter or go to the Ft. Pickett Web site at <http://www.fortpickett.net/>. All questions about building

assignments should be directed to SSG Easter at (434) 292-2301 or Mr. Oliver at (434) 292-2314.

Communications The DOL will help units coordinate their telephone and computer net access requirements with the DOIM representatives. Internet access (not RCAS) is available for a fee. If you want RCAS connectivity you must state that on your request, otherwise you will have just net access. Mobile Satellite internet access is also available from a vendor on a fee for service basis. For coordination of your communication needs contact SGT Redmond or SFC Earp at (434) 292-8677/2948.

Chemical Toilet Support Units are required to give a 72 hour notice for chemical toilets or to have them serviced. This includes ordering, placing, moving, or cleaning. All these actions must go through the DOL to the vendor. At the end of the training period the person on the signature card will sign the bill stating that all services were received. The DOL will forward the invoice to the resource manager and ultimately to the unit for payment. Contact SFC Earp at (434) 292-8677 or SGT Redmond at (434) 292-8677/2948.

Fuel Operations Fuel keys are issued (Bldg 142) by SGT Rodriguez at (434) 292-8509. For bulk fuel issues (units/individuals drawing 200 gallons or more), an appointment is required and will be scheduled for pickup between 0730-1500 hours. The POC is Mr. Oliver at (434) 292-2314 or SGT White at (434) 292-8547.

MAJ Potter

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DPW:

With the winter weather still around, the DPW ask everyone to be observant of their surroundings and report any known deficiencies within your facilities.

1. Check for leaking faucets

2. Ensure windows and door close tight

3. Draw salt from DPW for stoops/steps

4. Set back thermostats after hours

Those interested in Firewood, must purchase a annual firewood permit (\$20) from the Forestry Dept. at 434-292-2225.

For the units staying in the billeting area, please obey the parking signs. **Please park in designated areas only. No parking between buildings or on grassy areas, Per Fire Marshall.**

Reminder: The Work Order Desk phone number is x2250.

LTC Atkinson

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DPCA:

Fitness Center Lockers are available for a small fee. See Mr. Randy Edmonds to be placed on the list. The Fitness Center is open Mon-Thurs, 0700-1900, and Fri 0700-1700.

Military / Civilian ID Cards

Customer Service hours are between 0800-1530 hours on Mon - Thurs by appointment only with walk-ins served 0800-1500 on Fri. only. Saturdays are also available by appointment. Personnel must verify that the information about themselves and their family members is current and accurate in the DEERS database. **The ID card section can be reached at (434) 292-2327.**

Chaplain: The Chapel (Bldg. 2601) is located next to the Post Theater and is available for religious services. Keys for the Chapel are issued (Bldg 472) from Mike Cassidy at (434) 292-2327. Chaplain support can be requested to MAJ J. D. Moore at (434) 298-6106.

Noon Hour Prayer Meetings are now being offered on Wednesdays at Restoration Ministries located at Bldg 430. Persons may arrive and depart according to their schedules. Biblical Passages, Individual Prayers, Testimonies and Prayer Requests are venues for the hour. Questions may be directed to the Pastor, Jim Hogg at (434) 298-1215.

MAJ Bridger

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DPTS:

Unit Training Updates

Range Operations operating hours are currently 0730 Mon - 2400 hours Thurs. The weekend hours are from

0730 Fri - 1600 hours on Sun. The Post 5 automatic gate, which is monitored via video surveillance camera, is operated by punching in the appropriate code which is changed at regular intervals. Units wanting to access the training areas or ranges, at any time during the day or night, must punch in the appropriate code. If in a convoy, be advised, that the lead vehicle can punch in the code, and due to a sensor, the gate will remain in the up position as long as vehicles are going through at short intervals so that convoys may pass through in their entirety. Units must obtain the code from Range Operations. No vehicles will be permitted entrance or exit through the gate without entering the proper code. Range Operations would like to remind units that the Range Safety Briefing, required in order to be an OIC or Safety Officer on a range or in the maneuver training areas, is conducted on a walk in basis at 1000 and 1400 hours daily, seven days a week, and is also available at other times with prior coordination with Range operations at (434) 292-8334/2227.

The Troop Medical Clinic (Bldg 1692) is currently CLOSED and will reopen in May 2008.

Units training on post within 48 hours are required to have a representative attend the Daily Coordination Meeting that is held Mon-Fri at 0830 hours at Range Operations (Bldg 3001). Units must attend this meeting 48 hours prior to their scheduled training event. Units must also "lock-in" operator times for automated ranges at this time. **Failure to comply with these standards will result in cancellation of the facility for the unit.** POC for this is the DPTS Operations Officer, 1LT Doug Austin at (434) 292-8390.

Range Scheduling has already eliminated conflict for all major training events for AT TY-08, and most time slots for high demand facilities are booked. If your unit still wants to conduct training on Pickett in TY-08, and you have not yet submitted your Training Request Form, you must do this ASAP. As it stands now, you have little chance of obtaining most of the facilities that your unit would desire. POC(s) for

scheduling can be reached at (434) 292-2116/2143/or 8390. Questions concerning priority for facilities can be directed to LT Austin, Operations Officer at (434) 292-8390.

The Fort Pickett Electronic Sign:
Individuals wanting to display a message on the electronic message board should contact 1LT Doug Austin at (434) 292-8390. With proper lead time and coordination, most appropriate requests for messages can be honored.

Ft. Pickett's official web site is www.fortpickett.net. All of the Ft. Pickett regulations, contact information, and our Request for Training Support form can be found on this web site. E-mail address for submitting a Request for Training Support form is rangepickett@fortpickett.net

We have recently stood up our brand new website which is updated, much improved, and much more user friendly.

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Post Hours/Information

PX (AAFES) – Bldg. 2204,
(24-hr ATM) (Mon.-Sat. 1000-1900)

Post Theater – Bldg. 2480

Fitness Center – Bldg. 1613,
(Mon.-Thurs. 0700-1900, Fri. 0700-1700)
except holidays (Military & Ft. Pickett
employees FREE)

Barber Shop – Bldg. 2204,
(Wed-Thu 1000–1700, Cost \$8.90)

Leisure Center – Bldg. 2403

Fort Pickett Phone Numbers:

MTC Cdr 292-2722

MTC CSM 292-2560

DPCA 292-2022

DPT 292-8605

DOL 292-8403

DPW 292-8303, 2144, 2664

Billeting 292-2443

Telephone Repair 292-2020

Ft. Pickett Police Dept 292-8444

Post Locator 292-8621

Range Officer 292-2105

SMR Phone Numbers:

SMR Receptionist 757-493-3122

SMR Billeting 757-493-3125, 26, 27

SMR Operations 757-493-3121

Submissions/suggestions for the "Pickett's Charge" can be sent to MAJ Bridger at randy.bridger@us.army.mil